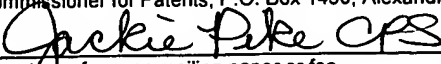
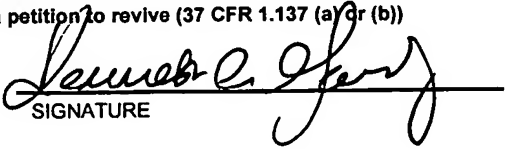


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 3006-1772 U.S. APPLICATION No. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/549437
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US2004/008176	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE March 17, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 17, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION VASCULAR VALVE WITH REMOVABLE SUPPORT COMPONENT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Thomas A. Osborne, Brian C. Case, David R. Lessard, Neal E. Fearnot		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)).....				\$ 300	
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a) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....				\$ 200	
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Total claims	30 -20 =	10	x \$50	\$ 500	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,830	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					
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